

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

July 28, 1966
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by MR. CHARLES McDONALD, Crestview Baptist Church, Minister of Education.

MAYOR PALMER announced it was 10:00 A.M., the time set for receiving bids on an amusement center, bids having been advertised for some two weeks in the local papers and some of the national papers. The City Manager reported no bids had been received but four people had made inquiries. No one appeared before the Council to submit a bid. Mayor Palmer announced it was past 10:00 A.M. and no one had submitted a bid. Mayor Palmer read the following letter:

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"Mayor Palmer and Members of the City Council:

"This is to advise you as soon as possible of the plans of the Little Texas Group to create a high quality outdoor recreation center in the Austin Area.

"The Little Texas Group determined today that it would not bid competitively on the Town Lake site, for the following reasons:

"1. The Little Texas proposal was strictly a business proposition, but was and is dealt with by the majority of the Council as a political vehicle to establish their own peculiar policies.

"2. The proposed lease and minimum bid along with the reduced amount of

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land and heavy restrictions placed upon its use in comparison with negotiations which the Little Texas Group has had with other cities and private individuals are almost prohibitive for the investors to develop the high quality park desired and are tantamount to a statement by the majority of the Council that such business is unwanted.

"3. The continued lack of cooperation on behalf of the majority of the Council which creates a fear on the part of the investors that the cooperation required in a project of this magnitude may never be forthcoming.

"4. The significant proof of the above statement in the patent lack of City support for its present Lessee on Town Lake, Fiesta Gardens.

"5. The apparent unconcern on the part of the majority of the Council for the public support received for the Little Texas Project by civic groups, business groups and just plain folks.

"We wish to thank these citizens and the members of the various civic and business organizations who have devoted so much time and effort to this recognized beneficial project.

"We further wish to thank the members of the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the members of the Parks Board who recognized the value to the City of Austin of Little Texas.

"Our gratefulness is extended to Mayor Lester Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Louis Shanks, whose farsightedness and desire to build a growing, prosperous Austin gave us continuous hope and support throughout this last year.

"We recognize that the proposed site on Town Lake is on public land. Certainly, the City Council is capable of negotiating with good faith investors for the installation of a business enterprise for the benefit of the people of the City just as it does on gas contracts and other such projects which are much more complicated with much more investment involved.

"We wish to commend our attorneys, Cain & Rodgers, who, under our instructions, moved to obtain the best possible lease under such difficult circumstances.

"It is with regret that we determine not to pursue this matter with the Council further. It is with great pride that we tell you that Little Texas will be built.

"A suitable location has been leased on private land in the Austin area on terms which will enable us to build and operate the beautiful facility which we desired to serve the recreational needs of the public for as long as required.

"We ask for your help and support for this project on privately owned property.

"Yours very truly,
s/ I. L. Allison, Jr.
I. L. ALLISON, JR.
Little Texas"

Councilman IaRue said some of the references in the letter were in error and he was sorry they were made as there was no justification, but the most

important factor that should be taken into consideration today is that a suitable location had been selected in the Austin area on terms which the "Little Texas" group feels it can live with and that this attraction would be built in the immediate area. The City would still have the water surface and land surface available to the public on Town Lake. One of the representatives of "Little Texas" had told him they had their lease and would build. It behooves the Council now to pass on to other matters that are important to the City.

COUNCILMAN LONG answered the various points made in the letter submitted by "Little Texas" as their reason for not submitting a bid. She said the Parks and Recreation Board, the A.I.A., and the Council had given this proposal considerable study, and worked the proposition up and put it out for bids. It was her thought the best way to handle that property was through competitive bidding. She said "Little Texas" acquiring their private land was what she felt in the beginning was best, and they would be happy to have their own private project, and the City has its water surface and its lands on Town Lake reserved for the people. The Parks and Recreation Board and the A.I.A. now can go along with planning of this area; and if it found more recreation facilities in the way of concessions were needed, the Council could put them out on bids. She said she had never failed to support any good proposition that comes to Austin that is for the best interest of Austin. If "Little Texas" does build its project here, she would be the first to support it in the capacity of a City Official and in the capacity of a citizen. The fact the land and water are preserved for the people on Town Lake is good, and the fact that "Little Texas" is coming to Austin is good, and she hoped the project would prosper greatly.

COUNCILMAN WHITE submitted a written statement which Mayor Palmer read as follows:

"We are needing a plan to handle our public lands. We simply can't be divided on these issues.

"Now about bidding. It is an acceptable way to handle nearly every transaction. Bidding serves many purposes, it lets the world know what is going on, and, in this case, it lets all members of the Council know.

"We had a proposition submitted for a lease that could have extended for 100 years and could have given the city very little income. We sought to get the people a better deal - out in the open.

"Mr. Cain assured many good people that his group could use a lease similar to those in the bid specification, in fact, the bidding was aimed at helping Mr. Cain since only two weeks were allowed to submit bids.

"Now that Mr. Cain has found private property in the Austin area, this is even better for it eliminates lots of problems.

"Why can't we now go ahead with a real and orderly plan for developing Town Lake? We had a famous architect prepare us a plan. Why not look at it again? Then everybody will know what our Town Lake could look like.

Ben White"

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MAYOR PALMER stated this was an issue that would be judged at the bar of history rather than by everyone's trying to give his own opinion. He wanted to correct one statement that was made and that was that he ever supported the proposal as it was submitted to the Council. He said there were charges of "giving the property away". He said in his judgement neither proposal, the first or second put ample safeguards around the City's interest. It was thought more safeguards should be provided and a better lease should be negotiated with the City. Each of those in public office is sincerely trying to do the best possible for Austin. Mayor Palmer stated he was glad "Little Texas" was going to be built. He believed the public wanted this project, and it was amply demonstrated but it was just a matter of mechanics to be worked out. He joined with the other members of the Council, pledging best wishes and success to this enterprise. It was publicly stated that the City would probably get \$5,500,000 out of this; and Mayor Palmer wanted to say in all reality that this "Golden Goose had flown away". The project would not be in Austin proper, but he hoped it would be close enough where the people of Austin and the public generally would have the benefit of visiting this type of installation.

COUNCILMAN SHANKS said with that very fine statement just made by Mayor Palmer that he would suggest the issue be buried, and that the Council proceed with other city business.

Councilman Long moved that COLONEL VANCE MURPHY be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

COLONEL MURPHY introduced COLONEL and MRS. FRANK C. MALONE. COLONEL MALONE is the new Commander of the 75th RECONNAISSANCE WING at Bergstrom which is the top unit. COLONEL MALONE said he was sincerely happy with this assignment in Texas. Many people were remaining at Bergstrom and not moving with the S.A.C. and he was impressed that not one person that was leaving Bergstrom had indicated any desire to leave. He had many people requesting him to try to get them assigned to Austin. Colonel Malone said this speaks well for Austin and he expressed great pleasure of being in Austin, and pledging cooperation and fine relationships between Bergstrom and the City of Austin.

MAYOR PALMER announced this was "Government Day" and welcomed the Demolay Group to the City Hall to participate in "Government Day". Mayor DAVE WOODLAND introduced those assigned as officials, and the Demolay Sweetheart, MISS JUDY WHITE.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from REVEREND CHARLES A. SUMNERS as follows:
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"Mr. Lester Palmer
Mayor, City of Austin
Austin, Texas.

"Dear Lester,

"In this week, in other weeks and in other years, I have been deeply impressed by the richness of opportunity citizens of Austin and our many visitors have because of Zilker Park.

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Sitting on the hillside this past Tuesday night and on previous nights enjoying the results of Rod Kennedy's efforts, I was filled with gratitude for Mr. Zilker as well as for those individuals who make such splendid use of his gift.

"Is there not a need now for an adequate form of commemorating that magnificent gift of Mr. Zilker?"

"My hope is that the Council may consider the appointment of a citizen's committee to give full consideration and ample study both as to the form and nature of the recognition and the way funds may be provided. The Council may then accept, amplify or otherwise act on their presentation.

"Obviously plans cannot be made overnight but the Council might request such a committee to begin deliberations forthwith, so that the citizens of Austin may no longer delay in expressing their gratitude to one who lived before them and through a wise and generous heart provided for them.

"If this action should receive favorable consideration, I hope you will write a personal note to Mrs. J. F. Robinson, Volente, Texas, who is the daughter of the late Mr. Zilker. She will most surely rejoice in the action proposed.

"Sincerely yours,
s/ Charles A. Sumners
Charles A. Sumners"

Mayor Palmer expressed appreciation to REV. SUMNERS for bringing this to the attention of the Council, stating the Council would take this under consideration this afternoon.

MAYOR PALMER submitted the request from the Austin Committee Against the War in Viet Nam to be heard.

After discussion, Councilman Long moved that MR. MARTIN MAYFIELD, Chairman of the Austin Committee Against the War in Viet Nam be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. MAYFIELD stated the committee wished to be granted a parade permit for 2:00 P.M., August 6th, the 21st Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Councilman Shanks moved that the request be denied. The motion died for lack of a second. Lengthy discussion covered the details of the parade, the streets to be used, the paraders to carry placards, the number of participants (150), control of traffic on Saturday afternoon, and other aspects. Councilman Long stated it was proper and right for citizens to have parades if they are handled properly and applied for, but that did not mean she was in sympathy with the parade. Councilman LaRue said he was not in sympathy with this, but that would have no bearing upon it, whether he was in favor of what they were doing or not. His position as a Councilman was to see that fair and equal treatment was afforded. Mayor Palmer said in his judgment there was a vast difference between a parade and a demonstration; that everyone loved a parade, but he doubted if

very many people would approve of these demonstrations in Austin and all over the Country. He said a denial of this permit was not in any way a denial of any right, freedom of expression of freedom, or freedom of speech; this was strictly the control of traffic on the streets of the City of Austin. DR. BRAD BLANTON, University of Texas, said the point was a very important principle of democracy, whether or not you are going to grant people with whom you disagree the right to express themselves the right you grant people that you agree with. Councilman Long moved that the permit be granted authorizing the City Manager to use the same rules and procedures as all other parades. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, failed to carry by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long
Noes: Councilmen Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Councilman White made the following statement concerning his vote:

"I cannot conscientiously vote 'aye' on this, although we had one parade before. Maybe we should not have had that one. It looks as though you and a half a dozen more parading up that Avenue would not do any good; probably do more harm than any good. I cannot conscientiously vote for it, so I vote 'no'."

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 1966, (recessed meeting of July 14th) be approved with correction noted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of July 21, 1966, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 8.67 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.
(Highland Hills Northwest, Sec. 3)

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS: A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE DINSMORE SIMPSON SURVEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 6509-6511 BERKMAN DRIVE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING SITUATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"July 26, 1966

"To: W. T. Williams
 City Manager

Subject: Reconstruction of Runway and
 Taxiways

"Following is a tabulation of bids received at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 26, 1966 for the Reconstruction of Runway and Taxiways at the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport known as FAA Project Number 9-41-078-C608.

"J. C. Evans Const. Co. Inc.	\$46,464.38
Jarbet Co.	\$50,794.10
Ed H. Page	\$52,061.40
Texas Bridge Co. Inc.	\$52,292.50

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"City's Estimate

\$45,187.00

"I recommend that J. C. Evans Const. Co. Inc. with their low bid of \$46,464.38 be awarded the contract for this project.

"From: S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
Director of Public Works

Signed S. Reuben Rountree, Jr."

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on July 26, 1966, for the reconstruction of runway and taxiways at the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport known as FAA Project Number 9-41-078-C608; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of J. C. Evans Construction Co., in the sum of \$46,464.38, was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of J. C. Evans Construction Co., in the sum of \$46,464.38, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with J. C. Evans Construction Co., upon receipt of Federal Aviation Agency approval.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING FOR PUBLIC USE A PORTION OF MEDICAL ARTS SQUARE STREET AREA, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN THE CITY FOR PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"July 25, 1966

"To: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager Subject: SALE OF HOUSES

"Bids were opened in my office July 25, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. for the sale of eight houses that Urban Renewal has turned over to us for disposal by demolition.

"Bids from seven different individuals were received and a breakdown of the bidding is as follows:

	<u>KEN</u> <u>GORBET</u>	<u>AUGUST</u> <u>HEYER</u>	<u>WELDON</u> <u>JOHNSTON</u>	<u>JACK</u> <u>WOOD</u>	<u>ALBERT</u> <u>POWELL</u>	<u>T. B.</u> <u>POOLE</u>	<u>LEROY</u> <u>NORD</u>
1409 Hackberry		\$31.65	\$ 7.50				
1162 1/2 Angelina	\$30.00	21.41	5.50				
1162 1/2 (R) Angelina		11.00	1.00				
1808 Pennsylvania	25.00	31.65	7.50				\$30.00
1810 Pennsylvania	25.00	31.65	7.50				
1160 Comal		38.85	12.50	30.00	75.00		
1162 1/2 Comal		10.20	7.50	15.00			
1162 Comal		65.81	22.50		150.00	87.00	

"The high bid on each house is underscored in red. Due to the fact that these structures are dilapidated and also the fact that it would cost this office several hundred dollars if we had to demolish them, it is recommended that these bids be accepted.

"If the bids are acceptable, the contracts will be forwarded to you for your signature, and should be returned to me for attestation and distribution.

"From: Dick T. Jordan, Building Official
 Signed: Dick T. Jordan"

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were recieved by the City of Austin on July 25, 1966, for the sale of eight (8) houses that Urban Renewal Agency turned over to the City for disposal by demolition; and,

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WHEREAS, the bids of August Heyer in the sum of \$31.65 for house located at 1409 Hackberry, in the sum of \$11.00 for house located at 1162-1/2 (R) Angelina, in the sum of \$31.65 for house located at 1808 Pennsylvania, and in the sum of \$31.65 for house located at 1810 Pennsylvania; the bid of Ken Gorbet in the sum of \$30.00 for house located at 1162-1/2 Angelina; the bids of Albert Powell in the sum of \$75.00 for house located at 1160 Comal, and in the sum of \$150.00 for house located at 1162 Comal; and the bid of Jack Wood in the sum of \$15.00 for house located at 1162-1/2 Comal, were the highest and best bids therefor, and the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Building Official of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the above enumerated bids be, and the same are hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute contracts, on behalf of the City, with above named parties.

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, after an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has found that traffic conditions at the location and street below designated are such that an urgent need for enforcement of strict limits upon the time of parking of vehicles at this location upon this street makes it advisable to use mechanical devices in such enforcement, and has found that such location should be placed in the following Parking Meter Zone:

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>SIDE</u>
60	Guadalupe Street	2600	West

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the location upon the street of the City of Austin as above described be and the same is hereby placed in Parking Meter Zone 60 and that the City Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized and instructed to record this finding in Section 33.43 of the Traffic Register.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
 Noes: None

Councilman White moved that MR. WILLIAM E. ROTH be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. ROTH read a statement stating his belief that invocations before

elected bodies such as meetings of the City Council are unconstitutional and un-Christian. After discussion, Councilman LaRue moved to continue to have the invocation before the Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The City Manager read a resolution adopted by the Electric Board, and received this morning, to the effect that the present Electric Ordinance was enacted after due and deliberate consideration upon the recommendation of the Electric Board; and since the Electric Board has had delegated to it serious duties regarding the administration of the ordinance, that the Board ask the Council to defer final action on proposed amendments of the Electric Ordinance until such proposed amendments were reviewed by the Electric Board. Councilman Shanks said the Board should be given this courtesy before the ordinance is passed. The City Attorney explained the amendment. After discussion, Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954, TO-WIT: CHAPTER 9, PERTAINING TO ELECTRICITY; CHAPTER 24, PERTAINING TO HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION; AND CHAPTER 38, PERTAINING TO PLUMBING; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING HOMESTEAD; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMESTEAD OWNERS WORKING ON THEIR OWN DWELLINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: Councilman Shanks

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: Councilman Shanks

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: Councilman Shanks

Mayor Palmer made the following statement:

"I will vote 'aye' for this ordinance, but I did suggest last week that we send it to the Board."

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager reported receipt of a copy of a letter from the Highway Department to the effect it had set its hearing tentatively for September 1st, which is a Council day. Mayor Palmer stated information about the Missouri-Pacific Boulevard was being prepared to submit before the Highway Commission for discussion, and he suggested that the Council change its meeting date for that week to August 31st. Councilman Long moved that the Council Meeting be set for August 31st rather than September 1st, so that it would not conflict with the Highway Department meeting. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MAYOR PALMER announced that SENATOR RALPH YARBROUGH and CONGRESSMAN JAKE PICKLE had notified him that Austin's application for \$1,500,000 in support of its Water Treatment Plant had been granted. He said it was fine to get the machinery set up to create the Regional Planning Commission which made Austin eligible for these funds.

The City Manager submitted an outline of a proposal by MR. CONWELL SMITH, MR. RALPH KELLER, MR. SCOTT KELLER, and MR. J. K. HURST for a plan of operation of an ambulance service to take the place of the ambulance service which is being discontinued by the funeral homes. All funeral directors except Mission have by letter indicated discontinuing their operations on August 31st. The funeral directors had contacted this group to interest them in this operation, and this group would use the ambulances of these funeral directors. The suggestions in this document as to the type of service to be rendered, are suggestions of the funeral directors. The City Manager stated he understood from the funeral directors that this service as outlined would be adequate at the present time. The Council reviewed the proposal covering rates, equipment, 24 hours per day service and collection or reimbursement of charges for emergency calls. The Mayor noted ambulances go all the way to Roundrock, Georgetown, Buda, and San Marcos. He inquired if this group were assuming that the City pay the bills incurred from those outside the corporate limits. The City Manager stated according to the letter, they would expect the City to take assignment of any accounts which they were unable to collect under the procedure set out, if the calls for the service originated or were cleared by the Police Department. The City Manager stated the group would be happy to discuss this with the Council, if it so desired. The City Manager suggested the Council might also want to talk with the funeral directors. He pointed out the time limit of anyone's getting organized within a few weeks, if the City should undertake to do anything about this. The determination needs to be made if this is a City function; and if the City is to engage in this in any way, the determination will need to be made as to how. The Mayor said this needs investigating before the Council takes any action. Councilman Shanks asked if this group had approached the County. The City Manager said he had told them this should be a County matter. Later in the afternoon meeting, Mayor Palmer said the Council would be ready to talk with this group by next Thursday, August 4th. Councilman LaRue suggested that MR. VILLASENOR be invited to come up. The Mayor asked the City Manager to set up this meeting next Thursday.

Councilman LaRue moved that the Council recess until 2:00 P.M. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

RECESSED MEETING

2:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M. the Council resumed its business.

Councilman White moved that MR. T. B. PORTER, SR. be appointed to the Heating, Air Conditioning and Ventilating Appeal Board, in the capacity of Heating, Air Conditioning and Ventilating Contractor, to fill the unexpired term of MR. JOE M. BOYER, deceased, term to extend to March 3, 1968. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman Shanks moved that the following be appointed to the Advisory Committee under the Pest Control Ordinance:

GENERAL PEST CONTROL OPERATORS

MR. HAROLD BUSH
MR. ROBERT G. DILLARD
MR. BILL YOUNGBLOOD

HORTICULTURAL PEST CONTROL OPERATORS

MR. CECIL THOMPSON

QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL

DR. OSMOND P. BRELAND

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DR. B. M. PRIMER

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MAYOR PALMER said the Council every Labor Day granted MR. IRISH MATTHEWS, TRADES COUNCIL permission to have their annual Labor Day Parade, and he entertained a motion that this be granted this year. Councilman Long moved that the Trades Council be granted permission to have the Labor Day Parade. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

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MAYOR PALMER stated the Council had seen a proposed plan from the Texas Water Development Board; and in behalf of the City the Council commended GOVERNOR CONNALLY and the Texas Water Development Board on their efforts to develop a sound water development plan for the State of Texas. He entertained a motion that the City Manager be instructed to develop Austin's official position as regards this preliminary plan and that the written report be submitted before the Council for review in time to have the report filed before September 1st. Councilman Shanks suggested in formulating the plan that all pertinent facts be taken into consideration but not to be overlooked are the pertinent facts given by Mr. Sim Gideon of the L.C.R.A. and by Mr. Charles Herring, that affect the water quality and quantity of the City of Austin, and that Austin's position is to safeguard to the fullest whatever water that might be allocated to the City of Austin. For clarification, the Mayor asked that the City Manager develop the effect of the Plan which he had heard as it affects the City of Austin with the idea of protecting the water quality and quantity of the City of Austin, and whether or not the proposed preliminary plan would adversely affect the City. Councilman Long asked that the report be factual. Councilman LaRue moved that the City Manager prepare a factual report as this Water Development Plan affects the City of Austin for the Council's review and possible adoption. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman Long moved that the Council start reviewing the working papers on the budget at 7:30 P.M. August 15th, in the Council Room, skipping Thursday. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Not in Council Room when roll was called: Councilman White

MAYOR PALMER suggested that the Council be thinking about the committee requested by REVEREND SUMNERS and asked that copies of his letter be sent the Council.

Councilman Long moved that the Council make the fee for the Pest Control people for the first year, apply for six months which is \$12.50 instead of the \$25.00. (Making the expiration date at the end of the calendar year) The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Not in Council Room when roll was called: Councilman White

The City Manager reported that the Building Official had received a formal request from MR. RADG HATCH, Austin Chamber of Commerce, to have all the meters hooded on the east side of Congress Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets, and the last eight meters on the west side in the 700 block on Congress Avenue, to prevent public parking from Friday at 5:00 P.M. until at least Saturday at 10:00 P.M., July 29th and 30th. This would be to facilitate the handling

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of traffic in conjunction with the personal appearance that will be staged with the premiere showing of the BATMAN film. Flood lights and an ambulance will be stationed on the west side of Congress. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the requested permission be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

There being no further business Councilman Long moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council adjourned at 2:30 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. H. & Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

E. L. Woodley
City Clerk